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Heah Dem Bells!------Oh, Don't yo' Heah Dem Bells?---
Dey's a Ringin' Socialist Vict'ry thru' de Land!
(All thru' de land!)
Heah Dem Bells!------Oh, Wont yo' Heah Dem Bells?---
Dey's a Callin' YO' for MAN to Take Yo' Stand!
(Now, take yo' stand!)

Hail, ye old war horses of the Socialist movement who have toiled and sacrificed and borne sneers and curses, and stood loyal when there was not a ray of hope outwardly visible; when you were inspired and held steadfast only by your own heroism and your faith in the distant, ultimate outcome, LIFE DOES SEEM MORE WORTH WHILE NOW, DOESN'T IT?

The honor belongs to you.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on.

Socialism is either the most terrible threat that ever arose like a frightful storm cloud against civilization, or it is the most glorious promise that ever shined like a sunburst on mankind since Jesus preached in Galilee. Study to find out which it is.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IN ERROR

Washington, Oct. 15.—"Both reason and experience are ignored by Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland when they use the words 'mob law' and 'mobocracy' in describing the initiative, referendum and recall," said Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., President of the National Progressive Republican League, in a statement issued today.

"Mobs act under the sudden impulse of anger, fear or hatred, and without time for thought, or careful consideration. Mob action is absolutely impossible under the initiative or referendum because there is not less than four months of discussion before a vote can be taken. It is also impossible under the recall because the recall cannot be invoked until petitions have been circulated and signed by at least 25 per cent of the voters. It takes weeks to secure this number of signatures and the widest possible publicity. Then the recall election cannot be held within less than twenty days after filing the petition. Voting under such circumstances cannot be mob action.

"Analysis of the forces controlling all human action proves, and nine years' experience in Oregon demonstrates, that the initiative, referendum and recall are not injurious to any personal right or legitimate property interest. Our political campaigns were never before so free from fraud, our government was never before so free from graft, industrial development was never more rapid, large capitalists were never more willing to invest in Oregon property.

"I repeat that men who use 'mob law' and 'mobocracy' to describe the Oregon system ignore both reason and experience."

God does not pay at the end of every week, but in the end He pays.—Anne of Austria.

Many Socialists Elected

Twenty Cities, Large and Small, Yield to Socialist Propaganda

Weak-kneed people who for the past ten years have been afraid to say they were Socialists, though they knew they ought to, are now coming from the shadows where they have been cautiously skulking, and, with head held high, and extended chest, are beginning to say: **"See what we have done!"**

And they did help; for every one who ever cast a Socialist ballot, spoke an honest word in favor of Socialism ever so feebly, or handed out a piece of Socialist literature has a right to be honored for his part in the victory.

Hereafter no one will feel like confessing his Socialist faith with an apologetic manner.

Why?—Milwaukee, Wis., Berkeley, Calif., Butte, Mont., Victor, Col., Flint, Mich., Granite City, Ill., Schenectady, N. Y.—the list of American cities controlled by Socialists is becoming too long to repeat!

Last week's election added more than a score, while in as many more the Socialists came very near electing their candidates, notably in Reading, Pa., Dayton, Columbus and Akron, Ohio.

CANTON AND LIMA CARRIED

Later reports show that both Canton, O., 50,000, and Lima, O., 31,000, were carried by the Socialists with safe pluralities.

Among the smaller towns carried by the Socialists were, in Ohio, Cuyahoga Falls, 4,000; Mt. Vernon, 10,000; Barberton, 10,000; Fostoria, 10,000; St. Mary's, 6,000; Lorain, 29,000; Martin's Ferry, 10,000, and Salem, 9,000. The figures refer (in round numbers) to population and are taken from Rand-McNally maps of Ohio. About 25 per cent additional population should be added to these towns for immediate suburbs.

In Dayton, Toledo, and several other Ohio towns, the Socialists elected members of the City Council and other public officials.

The tremendous Socialist gains in Ohio will cause both President Taft and Governor Harmon many restless nights. The common people of Ohio seem to be saying in the most practical way to would-be Republican and Democratic nominees, "A plague on both your houses;" we are for Socialism.

The growth of Socialist sentiment will probably make many astute Republican politicians realize that the party must choose between the radicalism of La Follette and the bone yard—and it means the bone yard in either event; for with proper work and worthy management, the Socialist party bids fair to sweep the country in 1916, possibly even sooner. When the dam begins to break, the pent up waters soon force their way. Both the old party dams are built on sand and are rotten from top to bottom.

In Utah, Eureka, 3,000, Manti, 3,400; Murray, 2,000; Stockton, 226, and Tintic, were carried by the Socialists; while in Salt Lake, Provo, Park City and elsewhere great gains are reported.

Crookston, Minn., elected a Socialist mayor and Council; Everett, Wash., elected three Councilmen; Bridgeport, Conn., one; and the South emerged from Socialist obscurity politically by electing a Councilman at Newport, Ky., and polling a tremendous Socialist vote in Mississippi for lieutenant governor, carrying Vicksburg, Natchez and other towns for him.

Newcastle Won

One of the greatest victories was at Newcastle, Pa., 37,000, where the comrades have been in a deadly grapple with the steel trust for years. They elected the mayor and eleven (a majority), of the City Council. It was a clear-cut working class victory there, without doubt.

Well done, brave and faithful comrades.

Schenectady Taken

But the "Big Dooins" was at Schenectady, N. Y., a city of 62,000 inhabitants, where Rev. Dr. George R. Lunn was elected mayor and practically all the city and county candidates with him, by a large majority vote, making a clean sweep of the grafting politicians and the corrupt "business administration" (in the interests of "big business.")

This is the largest city carried by the Socialists next to Milwaukee, and the only large town yet carried by a clear and safe majority of all votes cast.

Here's hoping that Los Angeles will do likewise in December.

REASONS FOR VICTORY

There are just four reasons for the glorious Socialist victories of last week.

I. Economic Development.

The power-machine is doing its work, forcing business combines, crushing the working people and intensifying the class struggle. **The nation is dividing.** The common people are being forced to realize that "big business," inevitable under "competition" (private ownership for profit), in a machine age, is utterly antagonistic to their interests, and that Socialism is the only way out.

II. Socialist propaganda.

No Socialist victories have been won except where the local comrades were well organized for scattering literature and holding meetings and **kept everlastingly at it.** Nothing can take from the local comrades the honor of having carried the cause to success by their faithful work. The time will come when the rising tidal wave of national Socialism will swamp communities where but little is done locally. But now, every local Socialist victory means tireless work by local comrades.

III. Candidates of Strong Character.

It is well to observe that the trail of the

man which leads through the brothel and "advanced sex ideas," does not end in political victory; that the newly elect mayor of Schnectady, the mayor of Berkeley, and the mayor of Butte, are all ministers; and that in Milwaukee the names of Rev. Fred Strickland, Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Rev. Carl D. Thompson and Rev. W. R. Gaylord are household words among Socialists.

We do not mean to intimate that the leading Socialist candidates should all be preachers. God forbid! (We are sure of a nation-wide and hearty **"Amen!"** even from unaccustomed lips.) But we do mean to say that to represent the Socialist cause fairly and to win the confidence of the people, our candidates should be men of high character who are in no danger of disgracing and thus retarding our cause.

IV. Corrupt Government.

Government, both national and municipal, is necessarily rotten under the competitive system, and the people are fleeing from their exploiters and robbers in the old parties to the protection of the Socialist party, as a sheep flees from the wolf to the shepherd.

And the Socialist party must not betray its trust. Therefore our candidates must be personally worthy. There are plenty of such among the most loyal comrades; therefore, there is no excuse if we use rotten timber in our public official building. The kind of men the old parties use for ward heelers is not the kind of men for Socialists to nominate for office.

Strike While the Iron is Hot

The glorious news of Socialist victories at the polls will make people eager to read Socialist literature. DO NOT ALLOW THEIR INTEREST TO COOL before you have obtained their subscription to the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST—THEN IT WILL NEVER COOL.

Strike now! The campaign of 1912 is on. Do not be found sleeping or loafing at your post. Forward to the battle for subs.

Only a few weeks left in which to obtain new yearly subs to the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST at 50c. This offer cannot be renewed. It is "now or never" for the 50c annual sub. Get Busy.

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FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS you may have one yearly subscription to the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST for 50c, or five yearlies for $2.00; one six-month sub for 25c, or five for $1.00; and where an individual, a branch or a center wants to send the paper on trial to a large number of people, we will send twenty-three-month subs for $3.00, or forty for $5.00.

TEMPTING BOOK PREMIUMS

For TWELVE YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS at 50c each, that is for $6.00 and the names and addresses of twelve new yearly readers, we will send as a premium either one of the following splendid volumes: Spargo's "LIFE AND TIMES OF KARL MARX;" Mills' "THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE;" either of the three volumes of Marx' "CAPITAL," either of the two volumes of Osborne Warde's "ANCIENT LOWLY," or Hillquit's "SOCIALISM IN THEORY AND PRACTICE." Thees are the very GREATEST and BEST Socialist books, and we thus place them within the reach of every man, woman, boy, or girl who really wants them. Especially is it thus made EASY FOR A SOCIALIST LOCAL OR CENTER to obtain one or all of these great books without a cent from their treasury—only a little work, which it is their duty to do anyway.

OTHER FINE OFFERS

For five new yearly subscriptions at 50c each, $2.50, we will send Kutter's famous book, "THEY MUST OR GOD IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY," or Rauschenbusch's "CHRISTIANITY AND THE SOCIAL CRISIS," or two of the beautiful crimson cloth bound copies of Moyer's "Songs of Socialism," or one copy of the SONGS and one copy of "THE GOLDEN RULE REPUBLIC NO UTOPIA" and "THE RELIGION OF LABOR."

For three yearly subs at 50c each, $1.50, we will send a cloth bound copy of the "SONGS" and "THE RELIGION OF LABOR," or "THE GOLDEN RULE REPUBLIC" and "THE RELIGION OF LABOR" and "FRANCES E. WILLARD'S VIEW OF SOCIALISM.

TO OLD SUBSCRIBERS

Although its costs much more to get new subscribers than to hold the old ones who know the merits of the paper, we have an offer for renewals that ought to cause every present subscriber to extend his subscription one year, no matter when it would otherwise expire.

To every present subscriber who, BETWEEN NOW AND JAN. 1, 1912, sends us $1.00 we will extend his subscription ONE WHOLE YEAR and send the paper a year to anyone whose name he sends. Get one new sub at 50c and add 50c for your own extended subscription, $1.00 for the two.

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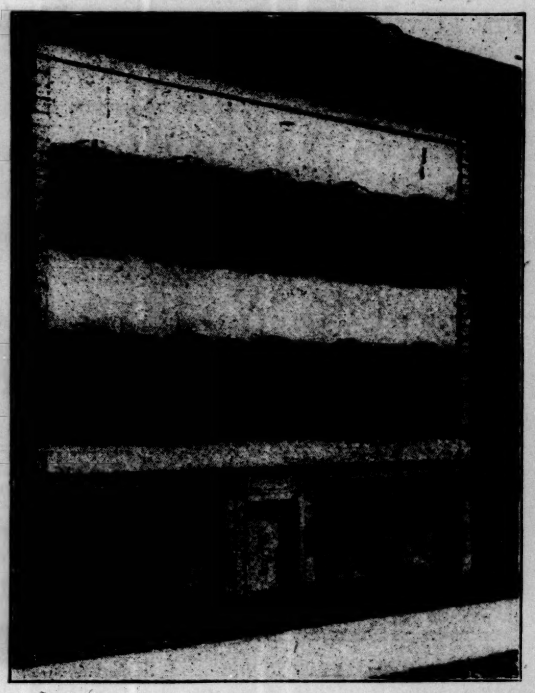
No woman will be tempted to sell her virtue under Socialism.

Life of Marx



Birth Place of Karl Heinrich Marx

Great movements have humble beginnings. "To begin a reform," says Gen. Lew Wallace, "go not to the rich and the great, but rather to the poor and the lowly."

In an unpretentious house of an old street—Bruckergasse—in the old city of Treves in the province of the Rhine, on May 5, 1818, was born "a wee mite of a boy" whose name is grown so big that it is rapidly filling the earth with a new hope and new determination to be free—Karl Heinrich Marx, the founder of modern Socialism. The story of his boyhood, under Jewish parents who changed to the Protestant Christian profession; of his early manhood and his struggles for a university degree, and all the thrilling incidents of a long, turbulent and fruitful life, is told in the entrancing "Life of Marx" by John Spargo. Net, $2.50. By mail, $2.70.

You may have this great and beautiful book as A FREE PREMIUM with twelve yearly subs to the Christian Socialist at half price; that is, $6.00 for twelve subs and also the book.

What a fine Christmas present for father, or husband, or son!

VICTORY IN OUR DAY

No. 11, in Moyer's Songs of Socialism

(A Socialist Marching Song)

Words and Music by Harvey P. Moyer

We're marching on to victory,
We march, we march along,
There's naught that can defeat our pow'r
Of ballot, cheer and song;
Our hearts are fill'd with gladness, now,
We lead the glorious way;
We've found the right, we're in the fight,
And in it, too, to stay.
Too long we groped in darkness drear,
Our hopes and plans in vain,
The while our "friends," the capit'lists,
Have gathered in our gain;
But now our eyes are open'd wide,
We see the better way,
We're in the right, we'll win the fight, and win
it in our day!

Chorus

On, on to victory,
We march, we march along,
On, on to victory,
With ballot, cheer, and song:
On, on to victory, we lead the glorious way,
We're in the right, we'll win the fight, and win
it in our day!

Let others wait for happiness,
Ten thousand years or more,
Or be content for their reward
Upon the other shore;
Let fainter hearts give up their wealth,
The Cap't'lists' purse to fill,
We want our own, and want it soon,
And have it, too, we will.
We love our wives and children, too,
We want a happy home,
Why should we rob and starve our own,
To enrich the wealthy drone?
So all our pow'rs and wealth we'll spend
To haste the better way,
We're in the right, we'll win the fight, and win
it in our day!

Come, brothers, heed your duty's call,
For loved and home and right.
Why suffer wrongs and poverty,
With wealth and joy in sight?
Why strife and strikes with want and woe,
And "cuffs" and guns for pay,
While all the earth with all its worth
Is ours and ours to stay.
Too long the many served the few,
Our force of numbers vain,
When, if we'd join our voting pow'r,
Full vict'ry soon we'd gain;
Then cease your fruitless efforts now
And try the Socialist way,
Come, join the right, we'll win the fight, and
win it in our day!

WHAT SOCIALISTS PROPOSE

"What's the use of electing Socialist officials to city offices, when we can't get Socialism till we capture the nation?" asks many a one who has not carefully investigated the subject. In order to answer that question, we will publish a few of the best Socialist city platforms sent us, also the main facts concerning what Socialists have actually accomplished in cities where they have the local power. This week we ask your careful attention to the following:

PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF NEWCASTLE, PA.

[Note: Newcastle was swept by the Socialists last week.]

We, the members of the Socialist party of New Castle, in convention assembled, proclaim ourselves part of the great world-wide Socialist movement and pledge ourselves to support the principles of that movement of the working class. We stand absolutely opposed to the private ownership of the tools with which food, clothing and shelter are made. We oppose the capitalist class always, and fight every candidate who stands for the interest of that class.

We realize that there is an unending and bitter war between the capitalist class, our bosses, and the working class, and we know that this class war finds expression on the political as well as on the industrial field.

We realize, also, that government, no matter whether municipal, state or national, has in the past been a club in the hands of our masters to keep us in subjection. When we workers revolt against low

wages, long hours or unfair treatment the powers of government are used to club us and drive us back to work on the bosses' terms.

The masters have been able to use the powers of government to crush us only because we workers have divided ourselves both industrially and politically.

The Socialist party alone is capable of running the government of city, state and nation in the interest of the health and welfare of the working class, because it is the only party that is owned, controlled and run in the interest of the working class.

We call attention to the fact that the city government was used in the recent strike of the tin mill workers of this city to help the Steel Trust defeat the workers. We call attention to the fact that the business men of this city also finance the campaigns of "g-o-o-d" men, who control both of the old parties, and who helped the Steel Trust defeat us by refusing credit to the strikers. And the policemen's club, the Cossacks' mace and the judge's injunction put the finishing touches on our defeat.

The only paper that dared to champion the rights of the workers in that conflict, The Free Press, is now being persecuted by the same powers that helped to crush the tin mill strike.

Realizing that the working class will never be freed from the bonds of wage slavery, with its poverty, misery and uncertainty of life, until every worker lines up with his class politically and industrially, we call upon every worker in the city to rally to the Socialist party at the ballot box next November.

Let our rallying cry be, New Castle for the Workers!

If the workers rally to the standard of the Socialist Party, the party of the working class, and turn the control of this city over to us as servants of the working class, we pledge ourselves to conduct the city in the best interest of the health and welfare of the men, women and children of the working class.

We offer the following measures as a partial municipal program, and pledge ourselves to strive with all our power for the passage of these measures and such others as will best serve the workers:

Municipal Program

The reorganization of the Health Department under the direction of a competent official, with full power to enforce state laws and such municipal ordinances as may be deemed necessary to improve the health of the masses of the people of this city. Under this head will come the proper disposal of garbage and sewage, and the proper inspection of milk and other foodstuffs.

We also favor the installation of a bacteriological laboratory for the purpose of handling contagious and infectious diseases which require very careful diagnosis.

We demand the municipal ownership of the city's water supply, even going so far as to favor buying out the plant of the New Castle Water Company, including their contract with the city, if necessary.

We heartily favor the erection of a municipal light and power plant.

We favor the erection of a municipal sewage disposal plant, and the operation of the city garbage plant by the city itself.

We favor the erection of a sufficient number of comfort stations, toilets for men and women, in different sections of the city.

We favor the installation of a series of municipal playgrounds for children.

We stand for the abolition of all contract work in making city improvements.

We favor building a municipal ice, coal and wood yard to supply those necessities to the people at cost.

We favor the eight hour day on all city work.

We heartily favor municipal ownership of all public utilities.

We will also endeavor to have all offices not filled by election placed under civil service rules.

Workingmen, rally to the party of your class, the Socialist party! Shoulder to shoulder we can carry the city in November!

THE INTRUDER

He is so little to be so loved!
He came unbooted, ungarbed, ungloved,
  Naked and shameless,
  Beggared and blameless,
And, for all he could tell us, even nameless.
Yet every one in the house bows down
As if the mendicant wore a crown.

He is so little to be so loud!
Oh, I own I should be wondrous proud
  If I had a tongue
  All swivelled and swung,
With a double-back action twin-screw lung,
Which brought me victual and keep and care,
Whenever I shook the surrounding air.

He is so little to be so large!
Why, a train of cars or a whaleback barge
  Couldn't carry the freight
  Of the monstrous weight
Of all his qualities good and great.
And, though one view is as good as another,
Don't take my word for it. Ask his mother.

—Edmund Vance Cooke.

COME LAUGH WITH ME.

Comrades, I just had to ask for a little space in the body of our paper to share a letter and article with you, which were not suitable for the Young Crusaders. I am by way of getting a scolding from our editor-in-chief, now and then, for not "sticking to my last," but, honest, I can't help darting off at a tangent once in a (pretty frequent) while. I resolve that I never will do it again, and then I forget! In a recent letter from headquarters I was told that when I had something to say to the older people which I must say or "bust," I must write it up for a special article—so, here goes!

I have heard from Francis Livesay, again. (Yes, the "national tutor" on the question of free schools and compulsory education.)

Now, Mr. Livesay apparently takes himself with much seriousness, and perhaps some of our comrades will do the same; but to me he is the greatest incitement to mirth that I have met with this summer. I do enjoy people who have no sense of humor, being thankful at the same time that it is a peculiarity which we do not often meet. Too much of it would pall, but a little is delicious. Just wade through this:

Clarkson, Maryland, September 23, 1911.

M. Kathryn Spiers.

Dear Madam:—A Chicago Socialist friend sent me the Christian Socialist of Sept. 14th, with an article of yours relating to me and my work. My friend was very pleased with it, and I am ditto. I have approvingly quoted from it for a long article I am just sending to the Trenton, N. J., Sunday Advertiser, which article I expect will appear Oct. 1st. You ask your readers to inform you if they know any more of my kind. I can give you a few myself: Herbert Spencer—in fullest accord with me until his death a few years ago; Luther Burbank, of Santa Rosa, Cal., in full accord. He wrote a book, "The Training of the Human Plant," from material I sent him; Gov. Coleman L. Blease, of Columbia, S. C., in fullest accord on compulsory education and child labor laws; Edward Bok, in full accord on the disease and death spread by public schools; Richard T. Crane, of Chicago, in full accord against high schools and state universities; Edward Clayson, Sr., editor of the Seattle Patriarch, in full accord, and any number of Catholic prelates. Sincerely,

Francis B. Livesay.

P. S.—I might add that Professor Rowell, a western Socialist, was some years ago my right-hand man. He considered the public schools a capitalistic scheme for the deception of the workers, and he got out in circular form many thousands of my most ultra articles. He wrote a scientific work on sex, and the United States mail inspectors got after him, when he left the country.

What a stunning array of supporters, isn't it? And in view of it, one wonders at the wail in the following copy of an article he had published somewhere, which he was kind enough to send me, and which I must share with you, in excuse for the amusement which our N. T. provokes me to. Just by way of paying respect to the departed, I will say that Herbert Spencer's name always moves me to grief. He started out in life with open vision, and bade fair to be a truly great man, but sold himself for the applause of the rich and "learned" world and its golden ease. At least it always seemed so to me.

Note this alarming title to Mr. Livesay's article:

SOCIALISM'S SPREAD!
Who Will Assist in Stopping It?

To the Editor:—Under the heading, "Scared to Death," the Chicago Daily Socialist gives a long editorial from the Denver Times, in which it seeks to warn against Socialism. The points taken up are identical with those that I have set forth in thousands of letters to the press for the past thirty-five years at least. In all this time I have been trying to find a paper that would open to me a department (And this with two editors at least in his list of supporters!), not for the discussion of Socialistic theories, but for actually designating the men and measures that are year by year bringing Socialism nearer and nearer to our doors. I have at the same time sought to enlist individualists and capitalists in this work, but not a dollar in money nor a word worthy of being called support has been forthcoming. (Now, that's too bad, isn't it? After naming so many who are in "full accord," too!) In the meantime Socialism has strode steadily onward, and people the most averse to it have been the very ones that have called loudest and oftenest for Socialistic measures—actual planks in the Socialist platform. On every hand we find these wordy antagonists of Socialism who are valiantly helping it in works. Here is Roosevelt and Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale. Both have written extensively in denunciation of Socialism and both could have chapters written showing their endorsement of actual planks in the Socialist platform. Take, for instance, their urging of a department of health, as called for by the Owen bill. That is a monstrous proposition. It would compass in itself every department of the government save that of the army and navy, and even over these it would possess a controlling sway. It represents paternalism and centralization—in their most all-embracing form. As proof that it is a Socialistic measure, we find it called for in the 15th plank of the Socialist's national platform that has been endorsed at no less than three national Socialist conventions. Furthermore, a noted Socialist, Aurin F. Hill, 13 Isabella street, Boston, boasts that he was the first man to call for this health department so far back as 1890. And this is only one of hundreds of Socialistic measures of national character, while our state legislatures and our city councils teem with them also. Is it any wonder that Socialism grows? (I trow not, my friend.) Judge Ben B. Lindsay, of Denver, is a vivid sample of Socialism and this "sociological" work. He and all "sociologists" are thorough Socialists. With rare exception, all club women of the Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Decker type; all philanthropists of the Rockefeller and Carnegie type, and all social workers of the Dr. Josiah Strong type are Socialists. (Most every lover of humanity is a Socialist, according to our dear N. T. Of course, we knew it before, kind friend; but why waken the sleepers?) What the country needs are danger posts put up instantly upon the appearance of the Socialistic measures that these and similar classes call for. I have essayed to do this, while tens of millions of dollars go from our Carnegies and Rockefellers to make more tense the situation.

Francis B. Livesay.

I assure you, comrades, that while I deeply sympathize with all who are in any sort of distress so severe as that of our National Tutor, I am simply convulsed with laughter over this article, in conjunction with his letter to me. The letter does sound a little "nipped," don't you think? But the article is compensatory—the emphasis is mine. Livesay doesn't emphasize! Really, he is the only thoroughly consistent and sane opponent I have ever heard of. He knows Socialism when he sees it, no matter how it is disguised or sugar-coated, or by what name it goes, and I defy any one to force it down his throat in any form. Whereas, all you have to do to make most people fall over themselves in tumbling after it, is to disguise it under some other name, or dress it a little differently.

My father used to tease me, when I was a child, by asking me to tell him what would happen were an irresistible force to come in contact with an immovable object. It has puzzled me up to now, but I can always understand anything capable of being illustrated in a simple and concrete manner, and our N. T. has furnished me with such an illustration.

The irresistible force is Socialism, and the immovable object is Francis B. Livesay. See? Yes? Oh, dear! My sides ache.

M. Kathryn Spiers.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST

By Frank E. Manning

Socialism, as I understand it, is loving one's neighbor as himself and doing unto others as he would have others do unto him.

A state of conditions when every one fulfilled the above ideal would be perfect Socialism. It would also be ideal or perfect Christianity. Heaven, as near as I can conceive it, is a place or condition where ideal Christianity exists.

Every morning I pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." I could not consistently pray this way unless I was striving in this direction, and was in accord with any movement which was working to this end. Socialism is working, and intelligently working, to this end, therefore I am a Socialist.

COMRADES AT AUSTIN

The Christian Socialist and its editor, E. E. Carr, have many warm friends among the comrades of Austin. It has done us much good, and I have found that it is the very thing to use on the church member. It will start any sincere, intelligent person to thinking, and this done the logical result is a convert to Socialism. Not at once, but followed up with good sound doctrine, as the Christian Socialist has been giving from the pen of its many brilliant and forceful contributors, converts are sure to follow.

I join hands with you, wishing for 100,000 subs. This would certainly wake up many seat warming Sunday Church members. Let's get down to business. Your comrade to help do it.

Henry Faulk.

Join the Christian Socialist Fellowship and help win the nation to Socialism.

SECRETARY THOMPSON'S PLAN

Rev. Thos. J. Thompson, of Palmyra, Ill., expects to enter the lecture field for all his time January 1, 1912, and locals and com-

rades desiring his services should write him as early as possible for dates and keep him continuously employed. He can fill two or three lecture dates before that time (each week) within reach of his present address. He has recently delivered lectures at the following places: Odin, Ill., two lectures; Riverton, Thayer, Virden and Marissa, one each. These were all return dates, except Marissa, and this place wants another soon. The fact that Comrade Thompson is asked for again wherever he lectures, is a sufficient recommendation to any of our comrades. He will not disappoint you. Write him.

TO UNDERSTAND SOCIALISM

No one can have an opinion about Socialism that is worthy of respect until he thoroughly studies it. One must understand "Surplus Value," "Economic Determinism," "The Class Struggle" and "Collectivism." Studying Socialism is not "the drowsy pastime of a summer's day," but it is exceedingly interesting, even thrilling, and decidedly worth while. See our book lists.

FROM THE FIELD

Last night in Hartshorne, Okla., I closed series of meetings at F. W. Baptist Church. Enthusiastic audiences aglow with religious fervor. When in hearing distance of the church, heard singing, and when I arrived the audience was in prayer led by a woman. Then I said to myself, "That's business." After a sermon on Socialism, during the last song the whole audience of ladies and gentlemen came up and gave me their hands to express their appreciation of what they had heard.

Socialism in the higher aspect is a religious movement, and the torch of revolution is set, as it ever must be, from fire on the altar of religion. It "came to send fire on earth and it is being already kindled." It is the beginning of the day "that shall burn as an oven when all the proud and all the wicked shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." But before that day came, in Socialism is sent "Elijah the prophet," and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers."

It is the opinion of intelligent men in the Socialist movement, church and non-church people, that the **Christian Socialist** in the end will take the lead, and "The stone which the builders rejected, the same shall become the head of the corner." And Socialism will permeate the churches more and more till the movement becomes religio-political; and then look out, let the captains, "rich men" and "mighty men" of capitalism beware! When the righteous vengeance of the people is thoroughly aroused it is the "wrath of God" against the workers of iniquity.

I notice the Socialists are men and women of heart who are more spiritually endowed and mentally illuminated.

Socialism is the spirit of liberty enlightening the world, signified by the angel in Rev. 18, which "came down from heaven having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory." I preached last night on "Bible Prophecies of Political Revolution."

Thos. W. Woodrow,
Hobart, Okla.

The Live Ones

By Mrs. Ella Carr

Dear Comrades:—You are all doubtless happy singing songs of rejoicing over the great Socialist victories of last week, and I know who are the happiest of all. **Those who have worked the hardest and sacrificed the most to bring about these victories.** Ah, the toil and sacrifices are bringing joy and we are rapidly going on to the final victory. Enough is happening to enthuse even non-Socialists. Surely those Socialists who have not yet "put their hands to the plow "ought to be eager to do some thing **Now**, to hasten the glad day when the terrible wrongs, sufferings and oppressions of our brothers and sisters the world over shall cease. Read what some of our dear comrades are doing and **"Go thou and do likewise."**

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Comrade James E. McClure of Texas writes with his recent list of subs sent: "I have been making new converts to Socialism by passing my paper along." Isn't that an easy way to help? You can do that much if you will, and then you will want to do more. May God bless you in your first efforts. We pray for more workers. Will you from now on be one of the workers? How much, how very much your work is needed.

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Comrade Dr. Friend of Chicago has shown his friendship for the **Christian Socialist** by sending forty-three months subs and some yearlies to his friends and ministers.

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Our Sustainers' Fund

Comrade Dr. Gifford of Nebraska made us glad and helped us greatly by sending $120.00 on his pledge for sustaining the **Christian Socialist.** We applied it on our deficit, and are longing for some more big gifts like this one as we are wishing earnestly that our deficit may vanish before the New Year arrives. If this need of the paper touches your heart, send us a Christmas present small or large.

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Comrade Benjamin T. Whitehouse of N. H. sent $7.00 for seven yearlies and says he wants no commission. Thank you. Glad you think the paper worth the dollar.

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Order Bundles

Orders are coming for the splendid new Episcopal Special just out. Comrade Bessie Womsley ordered 500 copies for the Pittsburg Fellowship. And Comrade Alven Porter of Louisiana sent for a 250 bundle. This number should be circulated among as many of the people of that denomination as possible and let us work with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. Distribute big bundles at the doors of churches.

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Comrade J. W. Self of Oklahoma sent for three hundred copies of our Specials and the next week sent for one thousand. Local Eugene, of Oregon, ordered five hundred Hamilton and Thompson Specials.

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Comrade F. E. Werntz of Missouri renews his bundle of ten per week and Comrade Hillard, Literature Agent for Local Lawrence of New Castle, Pa., is ordering 100 copies each week and expects to continue as long as funds last. He says we also expect to work for subs.

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Channing Sweet of Colorado sent $10.00 to send the Hamilton Special to M. E. Preachers.

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Comrade H. C. Lockett of Colorado, writes with his order for 100 copies: "I am in love with the **Christian Socialist.** I think the comments on the Sunday School lesson is worth many times the price of the paper."

From the Women

Comrade Mrs. Katie Mitchell of Texas sent seven yearlies recently and the next week she had secured five more. Keep it up, Sister, we think you are doing splendidly.

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Mrs. John A. Peterson of Evanston, Ill., sent five dollars for subs and a donation to send copies to the ministers.

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Mrs. E. T. Putnam of Washington, D. C., helped very much with her five dollars for subs. Our list is growing, and we expect it to keep growing and growing and growing all through the great Campaign of 1912.

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Comrade Mrs. H. G. Duvall of Maryland sent for a bundle and writes: "Just what I want to arouse interest."

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Comrade Agnes Geddes of New York with her five subs says: "I cannot tell you how much I enjoy your paper." And Helen Weik of Oregon thinks the paper is steadily growing better; and we will keep it up if you, dear comrades, keep up your splendid work and loyalty.

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Our dear little Henrietta Pielens of New Jersey is still selling copies of the **Christian Socialist.** Many more children could do so especially as Socialism is creating more interest than ever. "A little child shall lead them."

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From the Preachers

Rev. W. C. Hall of Pa., writes: "I do not know who paid for your esteemed weekly to come to me. Permit me to say however that I am very grateful for the kindness conferred. I read it and enjoy it." This with his renewal. Does it pay to send subs to the ministers?

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Rev. Richard J. Peterson, Swedish Baptist Missionary of Colorado renews and says: "I like the paper very much. It is a great help to me in my studies in Sociology and Political Economy. May God bless your efforts in preaching the Social Gospel through your paper."

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Rev. Chas. B. Dalton, a Methodist minister, of Calif., sent $5.75 for Socialist books and subs. Rev. A. O. Engblom of Minn. sent five subs. Rev. Thomas W. Woodrow of Okla. sent $8.00 for subs from his lecture tours.

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Dr. Geo. Welby Van Pelt of Alabama sent a list of 40 three months subs for ministers of his city. While Comrade Wm. H. Hachfeld is having the C. S. go to the preachers of Riverside, Calif.

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Dr. I. M. Burnside of South Dakota through his Local is sending forty three-months subs to preachers and teachers of his county.

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Rev. Dr. S. G. Ohman, a Lutheran minister of Conn., subscribed for the paper after receiving a copy sent to him by some comrade. He writes, "I have read it with deep and earnest interest."

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Subscriptions have come recently from three Congregational ministers, a rector of an Episcopal church and a pastor of a Salt Lake City church.

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Rev. G. G. Hamilton of Texas is sending the Special containing his conversion to the Methodist ministers of Texas. Oh that many more of them would come out boldly for the cause. We need them desperately.

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Our Workers

The following have sent five dollars for subs: Comrades O. A. Baldwin, Idaho; J. F. Kale, Ohio; J. E. Franklin, Mo.; William Pidgeon, N. Y.

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Comrade A. H. Larson of Calif. sent $6.00 for yearlies and Comrade W. T. Aydelott of Tenn. $4.00.

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The following comrades sent $3.50 for subs: W. H. Murray, Canada, T. H. Haines, Tenn., M. D. Teel, Okla., and W. A. Tittle, Okla.

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The following $3.00 for subs: Emanuel Bush, Pa.; E. K. Lessig, J. H. Shipley, Texas; Charles Boeckler, Pa.; Stanley E. Whitman, Okla.; S. W. Qualls, Calif.; Wm. Mutton, Mich.; G. W. Beauchamp, Kansas; Chas. J. St. John, Canada; Dr. Jas. Charles, Ind.; Ransom Bros., Pa.; C. Hauser, Calif.

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The following sent $2.50 for subs: B. F. Ordway, Calif.; Robt. Keat, Pa.; Taylor Bray, Mo.; Isaac S. Minthorn, Mich.; J. L. Hicks, Texas; A. H. Baker, Oregon; S. A. Keep, La.; L. Desmarais, Calif.; C. C. Harper, O.; J. S. Jones, Texas; J. B. Bottoms, Alabama; H. C. Wright, Md.; O. E. Putnam, Canada; J. E. Van Wye, Ohio; E. F. McClanahan, Okla.; Wm. S. McLean, Washington.

FROM TAMPA, FLA.

Dr. R. Lee Kirkland, District Secretary, writes:

I am very much pleased with the **Christian Socialist.** Believe that through it we can reap a great har-

vest. I wish every preacher in the nation was taking it.

We suggested to the Appeal to Reason such a paper some ten years ago, but some one who was an infidel got up on his hind feet and swore for all that was good and bad that Socialism had nothing to do with the Bible and that the Bible had nothing to do with Socialism. This gave me such a relapse that I have scarcely recovered; but I am glad that such men do not sentiment the Socialist world. The old book says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," and when ever we leave the path chalked out by the Almighty, we become a corrupt nation.

I am in the fight with the boys of the south; and I believe confidently that in the near future pacific righteousness will prevail, and there will be no place but the penitentiary for the grafters.

I am open to engagements any where in the south where needed. I have felt specially called to do gospel work among the working people. I appreciate with shame the neglect of the church to save the working man and the poor, and I am planning to enter the evangelistic field in behalf of the man neglected by the churches.

Any local or union labor order that wants me for a series of sermons may write me here. I am also putting out a book of my best sermons. The profit of this book will be devoted to the cause of humanity. I want a hundred subscribers in the next thirty days, which will guarantee the publication of the book. I have fought the money powers of this city and have lost hundreds of dollars on my salary; but, thank God, we won every point, are ready for another battle just like it, and rejoice in the privilege of having a part in bringing the conduct of grafters and scoundrels to the surface. I was born in Mississippi, of Scotch Irish descent. My name is Robert E. Lee, and I can live on climate and ocean breeze. I can not be starved to death, and defeat I know not.

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THE PRIZE STORIES

The stories for the prize contest are now coming in. This is to remind all who are preparing stories for this contest that the stories must be at the office of the **Christian Socialist** by December 1st in order to be entered in the contest.

There are two Sunday School Lessons in this issue because the one for November 19 was crowded out of the P. E. Special last week. We go to press earlier this week that this lesson may reach you in time for next Sunday.

THE P. E. CHURCH SPECIAL

Only a Churchman can properly estimate the value of the last special edition—the Protestant Episcopal—for use as propaganda material among the priests and people of the Church. The three principal articles are long, but they are very comprehensive, and are written in the particular form, style and spirit that are best adapted to reach the adherents of that great Church.

The article of the Bishop of Utah alone would make the issue the best Socialist material ever prepared for the P. E. Church. The article by Rev. Duff is exceedingly interesting, instructive and comprehensive. In fact, it is doubtful if we ever printed a better article on Socialism from the Bible viewpoint.

Rev. Bell's article is pointed, pithy, practical, popular in style and excellent in substance; and "the Social Faith of the Holy Catholic Church" by Rev. Bliss is scholarly, striking, constructive and convincing, especially to the minds of Churchmen.

The great power of these special editions for particular churches is in that they preach Socialism—and the Socialism of these writers is red through and through—by the pens of their own ministers, from their own church view point, in the very language that is most familiar and seems most natural to them. Thus "they all hear in their own language the wonderful works of" Socialism—which is truly a work of God.

Now, this great special is prepared, **who will help send it out?** We can do no more without your help.

We want every comrade who reads these words to talk this matter over with other comrades and get them to help him raise enough money to place a copy of this great sixteen page paper in the hands of every Episcopalian in his town. **You can do it.** Do not let this great matter grow stale. **Now, while the startling news of the election of so many Socialists is fresh in their minds is the time to present this special edition to churchmen.**

And we must have money to send this Church special to every Protestant Episcopal priest and minister in the United States and Canada. Let the Canadian comrades send money for Canada.

We will have access to the names and addresses through the new year book; and if you send the money we will send them out. Send large amounts or small.

We do not wish to have to beg for this; but **we can not have the extras printed and mailed unless you pay for them;** for we have not the money.

Owing to the lighter weight paper, we are able to send the sixteen page paper at the regular price for the eight page form—**one cent per copy in bundles; 500 copies for $4.50, or 1,000 copies for $8.**

"What thou doest, do quickly."

ABOUT SHOAF

The following from the Appeal to Reason affords another grievous and startling example of how false is the theory of the editor of "Hope" and too many others that "every Socialist's private life is strictly within his own keeping," and that it is the concern of no one else what he does. This shameless, idiotic theory does not save others from the effects of the drunkenness, libertinism and dishonesty of an individual. What Shoaf seems to have done very much concerns the Appeal, Shoaf's wife and children, his parents and friends, and it very much concerns every comrade who had learned to trust Shoaf. Above all, it concerns the Socialist movement which is thus disgraced and injured.

The Appeal to Reason, on the third page of the issue of November 11, says:

Many are writing to ask of Shoaf, thinking the Appeal knows more than it tells. We are giving out all the information we have.

Mrs. Shoaf coincides with the conclusions reached by the Appeal. She has broken up housekeeping sent two children to her parents in Texas and taken the oldest with her to the city, where she is completing a course in stenography. The Appeal is paying her way until she finds herself able to earn her own living.

Since the last report the Appeal has received three anonymous communications from Los Angeles, without street address, which we believe to be from Shoaf. They bear his peculiar methods of dividing words and punctuating sentences, and are written on paper bearing the same water mark he used while representing the Appeal in Los Angeles. The correspondent defends Shoaf, saying he was probably working a trick which he believed to be in the interest of the working class and excusing a possible lapse from virtue on the ground that he had been compelled to associate with people of evil tendencies in order to procure necessary evidence.

Yet, though the Appeal still has men seeking Shoaf in hopes that he may be able to explain the mystery and exonerate himself, he has not been found.

We have considered every suggestion offered—that possibly we were deceived in thinking the New York letter was by him; that possibly he was held and forced to write as he did; and other theories—and are compelled to the belief that he is living and voluntarily in hiding. It is lamentable, heartbreaking, and we are ready to give him the benefit of doubt, yet, the fact is clear that for some reason he has voluntarily broken with the Appeal and with his family.

CHARGE ON THE PREACHERS

Every preacher and church worker in America should receive the **Christian Socialist** for at least three months this winter. This would convert thousands and have a tremendous effect on the campaign of 1912.

THE TIME TO DO IT IS NOW.

We have the official lists of all ministers, or can easily get them, and will send three month subs. to preachers at $3.00 for twenty, or $5.00 for forty.

There are over 100,000 preachers and priests in America and THEY WILL BE AN AWFUL POWER FOR CAPITALISM, UNLESS WE CONVERT THEM TO SOCIALISM. After they are converted they will do like Prosser, Ward, Wells, Hamilton and others. Let's get after them.

It would take thousands of dollars to send a three-months sub. to all. LET US REACH ALL WE CAN. Send your part, whether it be large or small.

TO MAKE CONVERTS

Send twenty three-month subs. for the **Christian Socialist** for $3.00 to a list of names of your own choosing, or forty for $5.00. If you can not afford it yourself, get other comrades to help you. THIS IS THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO DO SYSTEMATIC PROPAGANDA.

CHURCH AND MEN

By Mrs. C. G. Zeilman

The church census proves what everybody has suspected, that women form the majority of churchgoers. Yet men need the inspiration and comforts of religion fully as much as women. How to make the ministry attractive to men is the problem confronting the Protestant pulpit in America. The Catholic clergy appear to have solved it, for the figures show that their men are churchgoers. Perhaps when the Protestant ministers speak their full convictions upon the vital concerns of the time their pews will hold larger percentages of men. In the language of Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls." If the church fails to help in time of need—fails to deal with the vital issues of the day, what is the use of men wasting three or four hours every Sunday listening to inapplicable platitudes?

If a proposition is put before the church today, it will inquire first if it is politic instead of is it right, regardless of the fact that the philosophy of Jesus is based on what is right whether politic or not. It appears that in social problems the church is conciliatory, not aggressive, and has no desire to see or help the people get fair play. It condemns the baseball game, the newspaper, or a vaudeville on Sunday, but it preserves an absolute silence about a system which oppresses the poor, causing dire degradation, and which year after year starves millions.

How many of the prominent churchmen today ever raise their voices in denunciation of the private ownership of God's gifts, the fulness of the earth, which God intended for His children's peace, contentment and happiness? We hear instead their voices raised in defending the private ownership of the earth and all things upon it. Ah, the preachers of the present time preach an inadequate doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man, when they fail to point out a way of freedom to the poor that will give opportunity to the broken lives, balm and healing to the sad hearts and hope to the crushed and hunted weaklings of humanity. In vain is the parable of Dives and Lazarus read in our churches. What indeed can it mean, when Dives would be welcomed and Lazarus shunned? It is the rich man who receives the smiles of the world. The frowns are the reward of the poor, and we get so accustomed to poverty that even in the most advanced countries it is regarded as the natural lot of the masses of the people. There are preachers of Christianity who preach that this is a condition which an all-wise, all-powerful Creator intended for His children. That this condition is therefore fair and just. But the "Book" tells us that "God is no respector of persons." This world is rich enough for the comfort of all.

"The poor ye have always with you." If ever a portion of scripture has been twisted to the devil's service, it is this passage. Often have these words been distorted from their obvious meaning to still conscience into acquiescence in human misery—to strengthen the false idea so contrary to Christ's teachings, that Jehovah, the Infinite Father, who is plenteous in mercy, has decreed that the many must be poor in order that an especially favored few, to whom He bestows the good things of life, may enjoy the pleasure of doling out alms! Yes, Christ said, "The poor ye have always wtih you," but His beautiful teachings give this limitation, "until the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth," which is the kingdom of love and justice among men and for which He taught His followers to pray. Yet the most stubborn disbelievers of such a possibility may be found among those who call themselves Christians. Today men would flock into the churches, if religion were made applicable to present needs, and light were given as to how mankind might be freed from the political depotism and monopolistic greed that holds down the millions with the galling iron yoke, robs them of the fruits of weary toil and turns the blessings of material progress into a curse.

The old dogmas and creeds have lost their grip on this commercialized age. The Bible reads that "old things pass away; that all things must become new." So to the younger generations we must look for that fairmindedness that will dare correct social evils.

The Christian Socialist FELLOWSHIP

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THE GENERAL SECRETARY IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Center has proven beyond a doubt that the Fellowship and the Party can work together in perfect harmony. We have begun the Winter campaign with flying colors and expect to accomplish great things.

October 8—Mr. Ward lectured for the Party in Aschenbroedel Hall. The lecture was well attended and the audience deeply interested.

October 30—The meeting was held under the auspices of the west branch of the 27th ward in Association Hall. The hall was full and the audience enthusiastic. In fact, so greatly pleased were they at the success of the lecture, that, upon the suggestion of the chairman, they gave the speaker, by unanimous vote, an invitation to return. Mr. Ward will lecture there November 19.

November 5—Mr. Ward lectured for the East branch of the 27th ward. The results were the same. The comrades were delighted. One old Party politician was there and at the end of the lecture told the speaker that he had long been looking for something like the principles of Socialism in the Republican Party and that he would bear the expense, if Mr. Ward would give another lecture there, explaining how the Socialists intend to bring the principles of Socialism into practice.

November 6—Mr. Ward lectured for the Maplewood Local. There is a spirit of enthusiasm and sincerity about this Local that does the heart good. Nothing is too great for them to undertake and they always win out. The meeting was a success in every respect. Geo. W. Boswell, the Socialist councilman of Maplewood and editor of the Maplewood Herald, is an untiring worker for the cause.

November 7—The Lutheran church at Pine Lawn was crowded. People of all classes were present at this meeting. The members of the Local were enthusiastic at the result.

Mr. Ward also lectured for the Party in University City (a suburb). The attendance was very good, and after giving the speaker their undivided attention the meeting broke up into a regular jubilee. One business man was so well pleased and so deeply interested that he offered to secure a place of meeting, attend to the advertising and pay the expenses of another lecture in University City.

We have not only sent speakers to the Party, but have had their speakers lecture for us at our propaganda meetings. Geo. W. Boswell of Maplewood gave us a very able and interesting address at our last propaganda meeting.

The St. Louis Center believes that to have successful meetings we must have them interesting, and we practice what we preach. We never drag business into our propaganda meetings. If there is some important matter that can not wait, we attend to it after the audience is dismissed.

At our propaganda meetings we always have one strong, able address and some music or elocution to make them entertaining. Our meetings are well attended and our audiences interested. We are very fortunate in having one of the very best chairmen (in the person of W. P. Mason) that I have ever known, and that is more important in conducting successful meetings than many comrades seem to realize.

We are planning to bring several of our strongest speakers to St. Louis this winter.

The General Secretary intends to remain in the office for some time, and we are planning a winter of very interesting work, both for the Fellowship and the Party. Mr. Ward is receiving more calls from Locals in this vicinity than he can attend to, and the outlook is very bright.—Loretta Ayers Ward.

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WINTER CAMPAIGN

Responses to the call to service continue to come in. Those from whom we have already heard will reach at least 200,000 people. Many are yet to be heard from.

The following have placed their names upon the list: W. D. P. Bliss, New York City; Eliot White, Suffern, N. Y.; Thomas P. Byrnes, Erie, Pa.; Albert Ehrgott, Seattle, Wash.; W. R. Keefe, Chatam, Va.; Elam K. Sheldon, Greenfield, Mass.; J. W. Beer, Nickerson, Kan.; W. E. S. James, Caistorville, Ont. J. W. Webb, Modesto, Cal.; Chas. H. Powell, Cove, Ore.; Horace Mann, Irvington, Iowa; Edwin Evans, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ella Carr, Chicago; James L. Smiley, Annapolis, Md.; E. B. Barnes, Shawnee, Okla.; Geo. W. Slater, Jr. (colored), Aurora, Neb.; E. E. Carr, Chicago; Wm. A. Ward, St. Louis; G. G. Hamilton, Mineola, Texas; Geo. I. Browne, Lancaster, Pa.; Wm. A. Prosser, Pittsburg; H. T. Watson, Trent, Texas; Redin Andrews, Tyler, Texas; M. A. Smith, Commerce, Texas; A. J. Adams, Midland, Texas; A. O. Alexander, Millet, Alberta, Canada; Geo. H. Strobell, Newark, N. J.; H. P. Moyer, Chicago; Thomas J. Thompson, Palmyra, Ill.; N. B. Butler, Willow, Okla.; T. W. Woodrow, Hobart, Okla.; Geo. White, St. Louis; E. H. H. Gates, Pattensburg, Mo.; Myra Kern, Maryville, Mo.; G. M. Rathbun, Sedan, Kan.; O. H. McGill, Seattle, Wash.; S. W. Motley, Twin Falls, Idaho; R. Pipkin, Hastings, Okla.; J. B. Sanderson, Pomona, Cal.; W. W. Reese, Salt Lake City; R. L. Kirkland, Tampa, Fla.

Get into line, Comrades. If you can deliver this message at any time, any where, send us the word. We want to hear from all.

....., 1911.

Wm. A. Ward, Gen. Sec.,
10 Ghio Bldg., St. Louis

Dear Comrade—I will endeavor to make arrangements to deliver .... lectures on Socialism this winter. Signed.....

Those wanting these men may write to them or to the General Secretary.

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HAMILTON GOING WEST

We are routing G. G. Hamilton to the Pacific Coast. He will be in Oklahoma and Kansas in January. Parties in these states and in Colorado, Nevada and California desiring to secure him should write to the General Secretary at once.

This is a great opportunity. Hamilton has few equals as an orator. He is a full-fledged Socialist and will talk to the point. If you want him speak now.

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MYRA KERN IN KANSAS

Myra M. Kern of Maryville, Mo., will deliver a number of lectures in eastern Kansas in November. She will be at Horton on the 16th, Leavenworth on the 17th, Spring Hill on the 18th, Arcadia on the 19th and 20.

Comrade Kern is a very able speaker and will make good where a woman speaker is wanted. She can give a few more dates after the 20th. Parties desiring her services should write the General Secretary at once.

Notes and Comments

—BY

GEORGE H. STROBELL

8 Lincoln Park, Newark, N. J.

Rev. R. J. Campbell, the socialistic pastor of the great City Temple in London, who is now on a brief tour in this country, has stirred up a pretty kettle of fish in Philadelphia, where he declared in a lecture in the First Baptist Church on Monday that no successful business man of modern times can be honest. "Conditions in the business world," said Dr. Campbell, "are such today that the business man must take gross advantage of his competitors or go to the wall. Competition is too keen. As a matter of fact, no successful business man in modern times can be honest." Scores of business men expressed their indignation at that statement and Baltimore and Washington clergymen who desired to have Dr. Campbell speak in their churches now refuse to extend him an invitation, so says a Philadelphia dispatch.

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Congressman Victor Berger, Socialist of Wisconsin, in an editorial in the Social Democratic Herald of Milwaukee, after showing the natural industrial evolution that brought about the Trusts and paying his respects to the crazy attempts of the trust busters, showing the injury they were doing in disorganizing business and helping to keep the people in ignorance makes this declaration of his purpose.

"And therefore, at the next session of Congress, I shall introduce a bill to repeal the Sherman Anti-trust act as reactionary, anti-progressive and harmful to business interests as to the people at large.

"In its place, I will propose a bill providing, wherever a trust, a pool, a combine or any other business concern controls over sixty per cent of the total output in any industry—directly or indirectly—the government shall take over the concern, pay the actual value in bonds, and manage the business for the benefit of all the people."

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News has been received that the Turkish Socialists have raised their voice in protest against the war with Italy.

A great meeting of Socialists to the number of 4,000 was held in Saloniki, Vlakhoff Effendi, a Bulgarian member of Parliament for Saloniki, opened the proceedings by a speech in Turkish. "For some days," said he, "we have been at war with Italy, which, under the pretext of humanity and civilization, wishes to lay savage hands upon a huge slice of our territory. It is not the Italian people which has stirred up this war; it is the work of capialists, financiers, diplomatists and partizans of a 'forward' colonial policy who have incited Italy to commit this unexampled act of piracy. Official Italy thought that as France was getting Morocco, Germany the Kongo, Russia the north of Persia and Austria Bosnia and Herzegovina, so she, Italy, also must have her share of the cake. Italy, however, has two accomplices, the triple alliance and the triple entente, who are permitting her to perpetrate this monstrous crime. Nothing, then, is to be expected from the so-called Great Powers. Germany, which we took for our friend, forsakes us, and the others laugh at our weakness. But the Socialists of all the world are on our side. A meeting of Socialists at Zurich, including many Italians, has condemned the base conduct of Italy, while in Italy itself the Socialists and the workers of Rome, Milan and Genoa have hurled in the face of the government the epithet 'Robbers!'"

Four other speakers followed to much the same effect, speaking in Spanish (the language of the Jews of Saloniki), French, Greek and Bulgarian. Their words were received with tremendous applause and the singing of the "Song of Labor" by the crowd. Telegrams of adhesion were received from two Armenian societies, the Revolutionary Dashnaktsutiun and the Democratic Hitchhak. The meeting dispatched a telegram to the Italian, Socialist party congratulating it on its courageous action, and another to the International Socialist party at Brussels.

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Prof. Robert F. Hoxie, who holds the chair of economics in the Chicago University, spent his summer vacation in studying the Socialist administrations and gathering statistics concerning the same. His list, which is more complete than that gathered by the Socialist press, is in his estimate still incomplete. He has been able to find 435 Socialists holding public office in the United States, but thinks the number considerably more than 500. His list is as follows:

Congressman, 1; state senators, 2; state representatives, 16; mayors, etc., 28; city commissioners, 3; aldermen, etc., 167; city and township clerks, 11; recorders, 2; city, village and township treasurers, 11; comptrollers, 2; city and district attorneys, 4; assessors, 13; listes, 2; judges and police magistrates, 34; clerk of court, 1; inspectors and judges of election, 4; constables and marshalls, 25; sheriff, 1; coroners, 6; school officers, 62; county commissioner, 1; supervisors, 31; surveyor, 1; park commissioners, 2; street and road officers, 6.

Prof. Hoxie has written a lengthy article for the Journal of Political Economy, in which he discusses critically the rise of American Socialism. It will pay you, who can get the current number of the Journal to read his article. He says: "The stronghold of Socialism is in the middle west. The east, aside from the mining region, is scantily represented. Apart from the middle west the Socialist strength is in the mining region of the west and on the Pacific coast."

Another significant fact is that, aside from Milwaukee, Flint, Butte, and Berkeley, Socialist successes have been in small places. He argues further that the rising tide of Socialism cannot be computed from its successes alone, as in a host of places there have been near Socialist victories.

He warns the public that Socialism is something come to stay in American politics, basing his conclusion on the following:

Its seat of power is in the middle west, but it is not confined to any one section of the country. On the contrary, it is most markedly pervasive, its widespread successes indicating that beneath the surface it is a force developing throughout the country. Nor is this force confined to any one class of communities.

Some Reasons. Prof. Hoxie of the Chicago University in his exhaustive study of the Socialist administrations of the United States gives the following reason why Socialist success has been won:

It is the Otises, the Posts and the Parrys, the Van Cleaves and the Kirbys who are most active in raising revolutionary Socialism in this country.

It is in the boss-ruled, corporation-ridden, taxburdened city, with its poorly paved, ill-lighted, dirty streets, its insufficient water supply and air-filled gas mains, its industrial firetraps, its graft-protected vice district, its fat politicians, untaxed wealth, crooked contracts and wasted resources that Socialism finds its best object lessons and has won its most significant if not its most numerous successes.

The average Socialist recruit begins as a theoretical impossibilist and develops gradually into a constructive opportunist. It is the same with the movement. These Socialist successes in general are, therefore, a training school of constructive democracy.

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A recent editorial in the Kansas City "Star" had these words, evidently the result of keen observation:

"The Socialists have a program. They know what they want; they know how to get it, and they know what to do with it when they do get it."

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The tide is still rising in Germany. Many new victories are recorded in the election for state legislators. That, at Oldenburg, a strong Catholic center, the Socialists having trebled their vote, is causing comment all over Germany.

The International Sunday School Lessons for 1911

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 19

Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem. Ezra 8:15-36

Golden Text Ezra 8:22. The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him.

The "Return" of the Jewish exiles from Babylon took place in three successive embassies at irregular intervals. The first was led by Zerubbabel and Jeshua in the year 538-7. The second was conducted by Ezra about eighty years later. The third follows about 445 with Nehemiah as its central figure. The first two expeditions were great popular migrations of men, women and children coming home; while Nehemiah's journey is more of a personal affair—the traveling of an officer of state with his escort.

Ezra the Leader

Ezra was a remarkable man. The chronicler, in Chapter 7, traces his line of descent back to Aaron the high priest. He could claim, therefore, a high birth, a special class, authority and privileges.

He was a man of noble character. His heart and life matched his blood and head. He was strictly religious and undertook his task in a true religious spirit. He was a man of firm and holy resolve. The chronicler tells us: "For Ezra had **set his heart** to **seek** the law of Jehovah, and to **do** it, and to **teach** in Israel statutes and ordinances."

Let it sink into our hearts that a man can not be too well born, nor too learned, nor too religious to lead the enslaved of earth to liberty, the Proletarian Army back to its possessions and rebuild society on a firm and lasting foundation. Good breeding, good learning and good religion makes a man neither a snob, nor a fool, nor a selfish recluse. They make him what they made of Moses, Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jesus and every other man who has brought permanent benefit to the human race, a leader, teacher and savior of the under-dog. Vacillation, empty headedness, impure life and philosophical materialism never did and never can fit a man for leadership in any movement that has for its end the emancipation of the race and the reconstruction of society. **Man can never lead others higher and farther than he himself goes.** Whatever fallacies have crept into the "good man" theory through the hypocracy of our present system it is never the less fundamentally true that a pure hearted, altruistic spirited, well equipped and well poised man is a mighty positive force in the uplift of the race. We say with the Bishop of Exeter:

Give us men!
Men from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank,
Men of thought and reading,
Men of light and leading,
Men of loyal breeding,
Men of faith and not of fiction,
Men of lofty aim in action;
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Give us men!
Men who, when the tempest gathers,
Grasp the standard of their fathers
In the thickest of the fight;
Men who strive for home and altar,
(Let the coward cringe and falter)
God defend the right!
True as truth, though lone and lonely
Tender—as the brave are only;
Men who tread where saints have trod,
Men for country and for God;
Give us men! I say again,
Give us such men!

Society can never dispense with exalted leadership. The cause of God and man, the great eternal and universal democratic movement will always demand noble leaders for its propagation and defense. The more such men society has the quicker will come the cooperative commonwealth toward which all creation moves.

The Expedition

To make the expedition successful, to accomplish the purpose of the enterprise, Ezra needed, beside his personal qualifications, **Authority, Men and Money.** The authority to undertake the journey and to construct the society at Jerusalem according to the sacred Torah, he got from King Artaxerxes. He got about 1,700 people to go with him, but they were people of his own mind and purpose. They were **volunteers.** There was no conscription, but whoever "were minded of r own free will to go." And the money came, like the men, voluntarily. There was no assessment, but just free-will offerings from the king, from the Jews going and from those remaining behind, and from the "neighbors." The total contributions from these sources amounted to $727,000 in silver and $1,460,000 in gold, a handsome contribution for Home Missions!

In the present revolution, in the work of reconstructing present day society, the same identical things are needed. We need authority, men and money. Let no one despair, some of them are here and the remainder coming.

We have a threefold authority for blowing present social institutions to atoms. We have **Divine Authority,** and let none despise it, for it is still final with many. [As God liveth, we shall all find that His authority is final with us.] Lowell said, "There is dynamics enough in the New Testament, if properly applied, to blow our present social structure to atoms." And Lavelaye said much the same thing in these words: "If the teachings of Jesus were understood and accepted our present institutions could not stand for one day." And Jesus Christ gave authority and even commanded the Apostolic and Christian Church to supplant the Kingdom of Mammon by the Kingdom of God. These are his words: **"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His justice."**

We have human authority. The best minds of the ages have declared that **"Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."** We have a right to annihilate the present form of society for it is founded not upon the consent of the governed but upon the commands of the ruling class. There is no authority for this anywhere except in Force. We are not content with it and never will be. Humanity resents it and will continue to do so until a government shall be established that shall express the free and accepted will of the majority of the governed.

We have Natural Authority. Nature has decreed that any organ that does not function for the good of the organism must perish. If government does not work for the good of the social body, it must change. Our system does not work for the good of all, but only for a few. It works for the stunting, starvation and death of the many and the feasting, enrichment and debauchery of the few. It can't stand. It must change and we, the dispossessed and oppressed, have a **Divine, Natural and Social Right** (and it is our duty) to change it. The King of Heaven and Earth and human life has granted permission for us to return to our own; let us arise and return!

The job requires Men. Social revolution can not be accomplished without men. We need men of the same mind and heart, men of high resolve, clear heads, holy hearts; volunteer men; men who will learn, live and preach the truth, and men who will express and compress their whole subjective life in the ballot box on election days. It is votes, and not cheap talk, that count in "Yankee Land" today. These men are coming by the hundreds, thousands, millions and when they come to a majority the modern expedition and work of social reconstruction will take place. Brother, don't wait to be forced, but volunteer today. The expedition calls loud for your presence in the ranks.

And Money is Needed. We need money to man the platform, publish and circulate books, magazines and papers. Organization education and political campaigns need money. If the Social Democracy of today could have a collection of $2,187,000, my, what a successful expedition to **our Home Land, tools and institutions** it could and would carry on! Well, the money is coming, slow to be sure, in 25c pieces and voluntary contributions from **the Workers of the World.** The modern movement is not supported from the coffers of the modern kings. It means too much against their interests for them to sanction, much less support it with financial aid. Well, it can well do without both their sanction and money. It is a workingman's movement; it is of, by and for them and they can pay its bills. What they pay for in sacrifices of money, sweat and blood will be theirs when they get it. There will be no strings of the "kings, their lords and ladies" tied to it.

Conditions at Jerusalem

The economic, political and social conditions Ezra found existing among the Jews at Jerusalem were very bad.

Why did the Jews intermarry with the heathen peoples about them? Purely for commercial reasons. Economics determined marriages then, as now. All classes were involved, especially the so-called higher classes. A materialistic civilization ultimately results in commercializing the home. Marriage and homes founded upon material considerations always result detrimentally to the offspring, domestic felicity, religion and morals. Impure marriages express themselves in impure lives.

Will Socialism destroy marriage and the home? Not any more than Ezra did. It will purify both by lifting them from the present economic base. Under Socialism men and women will not marry each other, whether Jew or Gentile, for commercial reasons. There will be no need, for both will be economically free. They can and probably will marry and beget offspring from the divinest emotion that ever stirred the human heart—Love.

LESSON FOR NOV. 26, 1911

Nehemiah's Prayer. Nehemiah 1

Golden Text—James 5:16, The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Nehemiah, the Man of the Hour

The poor Jews at Jerusalem are in trouble again. A leader is needed. Nehemiah, a king's confidential cup-bearer, comes forth. The hour and the man meet and the work is done.

Nehemiah follows Ezra, thirteen years later, to Jerusalem and he comes to build the walls of the city and thus protect his helpless countrymen against the ravages of their enemies. Like Ezra, he is a man of gigantic proportions and indicates once more the kind of leader the oppressed need. See the last lesson.

Nehemiah Prays

Hats off! Nehemiah is praying. Let none scoff, for the greatest of men pray. Let none despise or hold in contempt him who sincerely prays, for he is a man of large soul, clear vision and great work, consuming sympathies, profound aspirations, inspiring ideals and great potential deeds are wrapped up in every prayer that reaches the throne of the Most High and moves the arm of the Eternal. The poets agree:

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer is the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high."

Men have always prayed. they pray now and